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The Honorable W. G. Hefner
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Hefner,

I am writing to you today concerning PR Docket 92-235 from the FCC. This proposed rule change from the FCC has a profound effect on model frequency use in this country. I am active in the field of radio controlled model aircraft. My son and I enjoy the time we spend together in this activity. We are members of a club here in North Carolina as well as members of the national Academy of Model Aeronautics. We have invested a good deal of time and money in the model aircraft we fly. This is why I am concerned about the PR Docket 92-235. It is my belief that, if these new rules are allowed to be put into practice, it will jeopardize the model frequencies on 72 and 75 MHz.

At issue here, beyond the financial involvement, is safety. Many times at our club events and on ordinary weekends we have spectators at our club field. It is possible within these proposed rules to have

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The Honorable Bill Hefner
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Re: PR Docket 92-235

Dear Senator Hefner:

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72 - 76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either interfering with other.

Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted.

When we fly our model airplanes under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

Please understand that many model airplanes have wing spans up to 10 feet and weigh as much as 30 or 40 pounds. The models themselves are expensive to build; but more to the point. They are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the craft. We often fly our models at organized events and contest where hundreds of operators participate. We need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as businessusers of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and our radio equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72 - 76 MHz band.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Bill Hefner
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Dear Mr. Hefner

I have been interested in aviation for as long as I can remember. I am very active in a local club, Cumberland County Remote Control Club, whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes.

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Sincerely,
Ronald J. Lyons